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do you mind getting back to angela per her question below and cc me? thanks!

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Bill and Karen,

We just had the call with GAO to go over the Statement of Work on Job #361347 "Review of Federal and State Regulatory Framework for Unconventional Oil and Gas Development". They had some questions that only APD or HSCD folks can answer. Can we try to get final answers on these to GAO today?

APD

The report contains this statement about the oil and gas NESHAP:

"EPA officials in each of the four regions we contacted were unaware of any examples of oil and natural gas wells being regulated as major sources of hazardous air pollutants before the April 2012 amendments."

Can we confirm that this statement is accurate?

HSCD

1. The report contains this statement about the SPCC program:

"According to EPA officials, regional personnel inspected 120 oil and gas well sites in fiscal year 20 and found noncompliance at 105 of these sites ranging from paperwork inconsistencies at X sites to more serious violations such as XYZ at Y sites. EPA officials said that EPA has not taken any enforcement actions in cases related to any of these violations because ABC."

Can we complete the last sentence? Do we have data that would complete the first sentence?

2. The report contains this statement about ISE authorities:

"For example, EPA conducted initial investigations in Bradford County, Pennsylvania following a 2011 spill of hydraulic fracturing and other fluids that entered a stream. Citing its authority under the CWA and other laws, EPA requested information from the operator about the incident, including information about the chemicals involved and the environmental effects of the spill."

GAO said we told them the response to the information request was claimed confidential and that we were determining what, if any, portions of the response we could share. Have we made a determination about whether we can share any of

the response with GAO?

3. The report contains this statement regarding CERCLA investigative activities:

"For example, EPA is using CERCLA authority to investigate private well contamination potentially related to nearby oil and gas well sites in Dimock, Pennsylvania and Pavillion, Wyoming."

Is this statement accurate with respect to Dimock?

If you can work with folks in your division on drafting responses, and with your management to get the green light on final responses, and send them to me that would be great. Sorry about the short turnaround.

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